



## Sphaeromyxa sevastopoli

### Mixosporidian

#### General

1. Parasitic spores

#### Geography and Habitat

1. Native: Black Sea and Sea of Azov drainages
2. Habitat:
  - Parasitic in poikilothermic vertebrates (often fish); round goby (*Neogobius melanostomus*) and tubenose goby (*Proterorhinus marmoratus*) are typical hosts
  - Typical of brackish waters in the Black Sea region

#### Invasion Pathways

1. Likely introduced with host fishes in ballast water release

#### Sources

1. <http://nas.er.usgs.gov/queries/FactSheet.aspx?SpeciesID=2724>